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Worcester often gives, as his first pronunciation, one *not* in accordance with the best usage. Thus, for *ink, thank, frank*, he gives *ingk, thangk, frangk*—introducing a vitiated pronunciation; for *shone, shon*, for *clerk, klark*, &c.

4. In *Orthography*, Dr. Webster's system, as contained in our Revised Edition, is followed by a very great proportion of the Spelling Books, Reading Books, and Elementary Works, used in the schools throughout the United States. Where good usage sanctions more than one form—as *center, centre; defense, defence*—both are given. Worcester himself has followed Dr. Webster in spelling *maniac, logic*, &c., without a *k; favor, flavor*, &c., without a *u;* and now his publishers vilify the name of Webster, and seek to detract from the reputation of his Great National Work. Hon. DANIEL WEBSTER does *not* "follow Worcester." Some of his recently published works follow Dr. Webster, and others vary from him, as his different publishers incline. He has expressly declared his opinion, over his own signature, that Webster's is "THE MOST COMPLETE, ACCURATE, AND RELIABLE DICTIONARY OF THE LANGUAGE."

Washington Irving repudiates Worcester, since he declares London usage is his standard, which varies greatly from Worcester. A full and satisfactory reply was made to a letter of Mr. Irving, recently published, and no right-minded man would refuse to accompany the one with the other. The works of Sparks, Bancroft, Bryant, &c., were mostly published before Worcester's large Dictionary was issued, and of course did not "follow" it. Bryant says of Webster: "It is a mine of philological research and erudition—a *thesaurus* of the English Language."

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7. The same is hardly less emphatically true in this country. In MASSACHUSETTS, where Worcester was compiled and published, the Legislature having offered to each School District, with no cost to the District in either case, and nothing to control its choice but the merits of the works, a copy of Webster or Worcester, at its option, THREE THOUSAND AND FIFTY-FIVE of the Districts, within the first few months, ordered WEBSTER, and but one hundred and five took Worcester—THIRTY TO ONE selecting Webster as their STANDARD WORK.

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☞ *The following is an extract from the Report on the subject, by the "Committee on Literature."*

"Your Committee regard it as a superfluous labor to enlarge upon the *superiority* of this Dictionary; this is attested by the general circulation which this work has gained in this country, which is believed to be unprecedented for a work so expensive.

"That this work is peculiarly valuable for common schools, is, in the opinion of your committee, very evident. There is *no* branch of knowledge in which it is *so* important that the 750,000 children of this State who are taught in them should be perfected, *as* in the knowledge of their own language. There is no end so important to the education of the common mind as to use this our common language with correctness, ease and elegance, and to attain which we should make every possible facility readily accessible to all. And, in the opinion of your committee, there is no one book which furnishes so many facilities for this purpose as Webster's Unabridged *Dictionary*. The habit of referring to it will lead every scholar to a knowledge of this rich mine of *wealth intellectual;* and as he uncovers its treasures, his mind will be enlarged by the variety of knowledge which is condensed in the definitions of the familiar words he uses. The habit of reflection, too, will be matured, by being employed on objects so entirely within his reach as the words which he spells, and reads, and uses in speech. If he be once taught the habit of reflecting on words, he will soon learn to reflect on the thoughts which these words represent.

"It was proposed in the Legislature of Massachusetts at its session of last year, to provide that a copy of the Dictionary be furnished at the public expense, to every school district in the State who should desire to possess it. It was referred to a committee of that body, who in reporting in favor of it, use the following language. 'Webster's Dictionary is widely and favorably known to the public, not only in this country, but in all others where the English language is used; as a defining dictionary, its superiority over all others is universally admitted. It is, indeed, a most learned and valuable work, reflecting high honor upon the literary character of our country, and cost the author the labor and research, more or less continuous, of some sixty years of his life. It has received the highest commendations from persons of the greatest consideration in this country and in England.' This Report was sustained, and a bill passed in pursuance of its recommendations; and as the result, nearly three thousand copies of this dictionary have been distributed in the common schools of that State.* The usefulness of this enactment has been attested by the resolution of thanks to the Commonwealth, which was passed at a meeting of the Association of Teachers of that State, held at Worcester last November.

"In proof of the entire success and useful operation of this measure we present also the testimony of the Rev. Dr. JACKSON, Deputy Superintendent of the common schools of Massachusetts, in a letter dated Feb. 21, 1851, and addressed to one of your Committee. 'I perceive,' he writes, 'that the Superintendent of your Common Schools has recommended that they be presented with WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY from the proceeds of your public fund. You are aware that Massachusetts has just carried out such a measure. It has been highly acceptable to the people generally. Hon. N. P. BANKS, who visited different parts of the State last summer and autumn, and who is now Speaker of the House of Representatives, informed me that no measure of our legislature was more popular or useful. In many towns the dictionary was the only authoritative judge and umpire in literary matters. Where it was enthroned in a district or village school-house, not only the pupils and teacher, but the parents and citizens, appealed to it to settle questions in orthoëpy and definition, and thus it contributed to educate the entire community.'"

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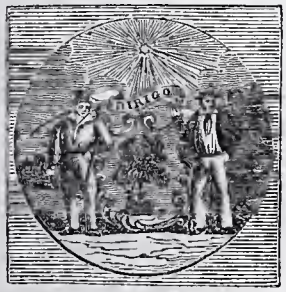

I. MAINE.

From the State Superintendent.

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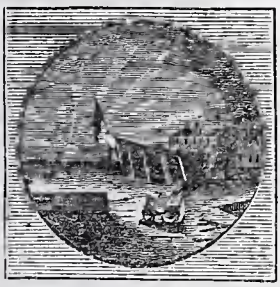


II. NEW HAMPSHIRE.

From the State Commissioner.

From Hon. R. S. Rust, Commissioner of Public Schools for the State of New Hampshire.

"Concord, N. H., June 7, 1850.

"Messrs. Merriam: * * * Command my services in the circulation of the best Dictionary of the English Language.

"Yours, &c., R. S. RUST."

From the Com. of Common Schools in Cheshire County.

'Intending positively to retire from public life at the close of the present school year, the Commissioner * * * * most respectfully recommends to the honorable Legislature of New Hampshire, now to convene, that a resolution be passed to this effect: That 'Webster's Dictionary, (Unabridged,)' be furnished, at public expense, to every School District in the State, to be carefully kept and preserved for the benefit both of teachers and pupils.

"JOSEPH PERRY,

April 10, 1851. *Com. Com. Schools Cheshire Co.*"

[The other County Commissioners express similar views.]

New Hampshire Board of Education.—The County Commissioners of Common Schools, organized as a Board of Education, at Concord, Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1850, recommended Webster's Dictionary, Unabridged, as a book of reference to be used in District Schools.

"The volume is, in fact, the teacher's encyclopedia, as well as lexicon, for daily reference. Could a copy of it be provided, as the permanent property of *every district school*, the effect, as regards the improvement of instruction, would be deeply and extensively felt, in the increased skill of the teacher, and the higher attainments of his pupils, in the most important part of education—the acquisition of an adequate knowledge and proper use of our own language."—*William Russell, Esq., Teacher of Elocution.*

III. VERMONT.

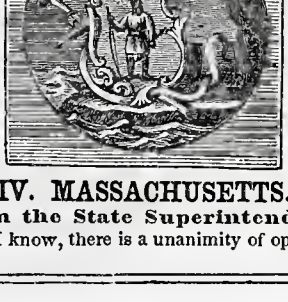
From the State Superintendent.

Professor Eaton, State Superintendent of Public Schools in Vermont, and late Governor of that State, in a letter under date of October 9, 1850, remarks as follows:—

"It was my lot to be present and preside, about four years since, at a State meeting of our County Superintendents,—then the appointed Board for recommending books for School purposes,—when I had the gratification of seeing Webster's Dictionary adopted as the standard Dictionary for the schools of Vermont. I was gratified, because I felt that this work was worthy *to be a standard*,—that it afforded a safe harbor after long tossings upon a sea of doubt and uncertainty,—a secure resting-place from the fluctuations to which our language had been long subjected, and to which, *without* this work, it would still, as much as ever, be exposed."

At a meeting of the Teachers' Association, of Vt., held at Montpelier, Oct. 16, 1850, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Association, the placing a copy of *Webster's Quarto Dictionary* in each of our District Schools and higher literary institutions, as a book of reference, both for teachers and pupils, would be of incalculable benefit to the cause of education, by the influence it would exert in creating habits of investigation and accuracy as to the use of language, as well as by placing before our youth an amount of information which can be found in no other uninspired volume."



IV. MASSACHUSETTS.

From the State Superintendent.

"So far as I know, there is a unanimity of opinion that Dr.

Webster's is the best *defining* Dictionary in the English language. Whoever may choose to purchase the Dictionary of other lexicographers, I should earnestly advise to purchase Dr. Webster's *also*; and I assure you it will give me pleasure, as far as I have the opportunity and ability, *to recommend to Students*, and ESPECIALLY ALL THOSE WHO ARE MAINLY DEPENDENT ON SELF-CULTURE, OR SELF-EDUCATION, TO KEEP A COPY OF THIS WORK BY THEIR SIDE, AS A HAND-BOOK."—*Hon. Horace Mann, late Sec'y Board of Education for Massachusetts.*

The Committee on Education, of the Massachusetts Legislature, speak of the work in the following terms:—

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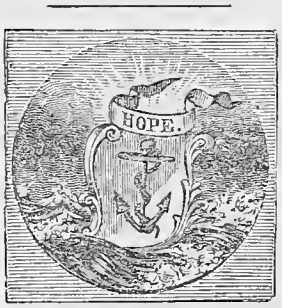
"The copious list of Geographical Names is an important feature of this work for schools, and is itself WORTH THE COST OF THE WHOLE WORK."—*School Committee of Framingham.*

☞ In 1850, the Legislature of Massachusetts passed a law, giving, at the expense of the State, a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, or Worcester's Dictionary, at its option, to each School District that would provide for its safe keeping. On the 1st instant, one year from the time the law took effect, of the 3700 Districts 3035 had taken Webster, and 105 Worcester, leaving say 450 only that have not availed themselves of the appropriation. A gentleman, who visited the schools of the State last summer and autumn, coöperating with the Board of Education, says, "No measure of our Legislature was more popular or useful. In many towns, the Dictionary [Webster's] was the only authoritative judge and umpire in literary matters," &c.



V. RHODE ISLAND.

From the City Superintendent.

From Prof. S. S. Greene, recently elected Superintendent of Public Schools for Providence.

"All our teachers should have access to a work of this kind. They need to consult it to enable them to give their pupils exact ideas of the many difficult words which are constantly occurring, particularly scientific or technical terms, and also for the purpose of giving the appropriate pronunciation to Geographical and other names. Pupils should be accustomed from the very first to acquire well-defined and distinct ideas of the meaning of words. This gives an exactness to their knowledge which will be of invaluable service to them through life. But a large portion of our teachers are not able to impart this critical and exact information without access to just such a work as Dr. Webster's Dictionary, and but few have the means to provide it for themselves. The pupils, too, especially those of more mature minds, should have the advantage of consulting such a work. If their teachers are critical in their habits, the pupils also will soon acquire the same."

Connecticut School Fund.

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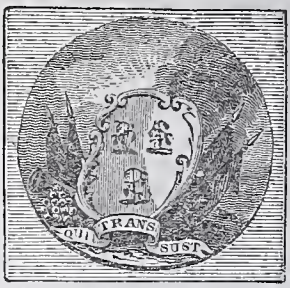

VI. CONNECTICUT.

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VII. NEW YORK.

From the State Superintendent.

From the Annual Report of Hon. Christopher Morgan, Secretary of State, and Superintendent of Public Schools for the State, presented to the New York Legislature, January, 1850.

"In connection with the subject of district libraries, the Superintendent deems it his duty particularly to direct the attention of the trustees and inhabitants of the several school districts to a work of undoubted utility and preëminently of a national character, which should find a place in every library, viz., Webster's Unabridged Quarto Dictionary, published by Messrs. G. & C. Merriam, of Springfield, Massachusetts. As a standard of orthography and orthoepy, its claims to general adoption have been recognized by the most eminent scholars and statesmen of our land; and as a purely American work, prepared at great expense, and emanating from a source entitled to the highest credit and respect, it commends itself strongly to the adoption of our School Districts generally."

The Standard in the State Normal School.

"*Resolved, unanimously*, That Webster's Quarto Dictionary be the standard in the New York State Normal School.

"WM. H. CAMPBELL, *Clerk Ex. Com.*

"Albany, March 12, 1850."

Recommended by the Regents.

At a meeting of the Regents, held at the Capitol, Albany, February 14, 1850,—

"*Resolved, unanimously*, That the new edition of Webster's Dictionary in Quarto, edited by Prof. Chauncey A. Goodrich, and published by G. & C. Merriam, Springfield, Mass., be

recommended to be purchased for the libraries of academies under the visitation of the Regents. [About 150 in number.]

"A true copy, T. ROMEYN BECK."

From Hon. John C. Spencer, formerly Secretary of State, and State Superintendent of Common Schools.

"Albany, June 18, 1851.

"Messrs. G. & C. Merriam:

"*Gentlemen:* After the testimony to the extraordinary merit of Dr. Webster's Dictionary of the English language, which has been borne by the illustrious Statesmen, Scholars, and Writers of this country, and by the most competent judges in England, it seems almost presumptuous for me to express an opinion on the subject; but as your polite note of the 16th inst. seems to invite such an expression, I comply.

"More than twenty years ago I procured the Quarto edition, and have used it constantly ever since. My pursuits in life have rendered it necessary to consult it frequently, as well as other works of a kindred or similar character, particularly Dr. Johnson's Quarto, of the latest and best edition, Richardson's Dictionary, Crabbe's Synonymes, and Horne Tooke's Diversions of Purley. In professional, political, and literary discussions, the turning-point of the argument has often been the exact meaning of words, as ascertained not only from their use, but from their derivation. While in many cases, perhaps in the majority of them, the works referred to have failed to give the desired information, that of Dr Webster has always furnished precisely what has been desired; and I have long felt individually indebted to the illustrious author for the labor and time he has saved me by his unwearied patience, profound learning, and unsurpassed industry.

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(Signed.) John C. Spencer.

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☞ The Legislature of New York, at its recent session, made provision for each School District placing a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary in its Library and on the teacher's desk. The cities of New York, Buffalo, Utica, Troy, &c., had previously supplied their own schools.

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From the State Superintendent.

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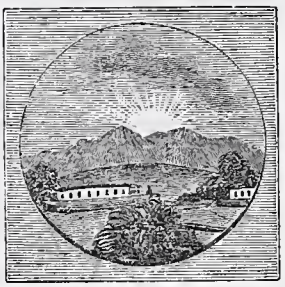

IX. OHIO.

From the State Superintendent.

From Hon. Samuel Galloway, Secretary of State, and Superintendent of Common Schools for the State of Ohio.

"Secretary of State's Office,
Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 2, 1850.

"*Messrs. G. & C. Merriam, Springfield, Mass.:* I have used, exclusively, within the last year, in all my investigations and in all cases of doubt and difficulty in language, 'Webster's Unabridged Dictionary,' revised by Prof. Goodrich, and I can, as I do, cordially recommend it as the best Dictionary of the English language extant with which I am acquainted. It will be my pleasure to promote as fully as I can its use and circulation. It is gratifying to me, as it must be gratifying to every lover of English literature, that a work so preëminent in merit and so indispensable to our wants has been furnished. Respectfully, SAMUEL GALLOWAY."

X. MICHIGAN.

From the State Superintendent.

From the Annual Report of the Hon. F. W. Shermann, Superintendent of Public Instruction; presented to the Legislature of Michigan, Jan. 1, 1851.

"No reason need be assigned for recommending a return to the elementary works of Dr. Webster. Although perhaps subject to objection, others in some respects are no more perfect. Besides, his Dictionary is the standard of our language, and has become a national treasure, as well as the monument of his industry and genius.

"This work has been adopted as the standard Dictionary in the schools and colleges of most of the States of the Union, and State officers in charge of the system and subject of Education, in various States, have recommended appropriations for its purchase by the legislature. Of its intrinsic worth, no one can doubt, and its inestimable value as a book of reference, in each township library, cannot be too fully appreciated. The Legislature of Massachusetts have made provision for

furnishing a copy, at the expense of the State, to every school district who desire to possess it. In short, the great ability of the work, its wide-spread reputation, the copiousness of its information, its exactness and fullness in definition, and its usefulness in all respects, indicate it as the great 'uninspired' book of the English language, and, as such, demanding at the hands of the constituted authorities a permanent place in the archives of each and all of our townships."

[Similar language has been used by the late Superintendent, Mr. Mayhew, Senator Felch, Hon. Lewis Cass, &c.]

XI. ILLINOIS.

From the State Superintendent.

From Hon. David L. Gregg, Sec. of State, and Superintendent of Public Schools for the State of Illinois, Dec. 5, 1850.

"I have long regarded Dr. Webster's Dictionary as by far the best which the English language affords, and I most fully concur in the commendations bestowed upon it both in Great Britain and America. It is truly complete, accurate, and reliable — precise in its definitions — profoundly learned as to etymology — and in orthography and pronunciation, conformable to the best usage. It may well be said to stand without a rival in the annals of English lexicography."

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XII. IOWA.

From the State Superintendent.

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XIII. MISSOURI.

Webster's Quarto Dictionary for the School Room.

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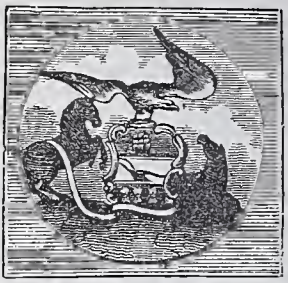

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From Rev. Dr. Ely.

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From Dr. Ryerson, Sup. Public Instruction in Canada.

"Education Office, Toronto, Dec. 6, 1851.

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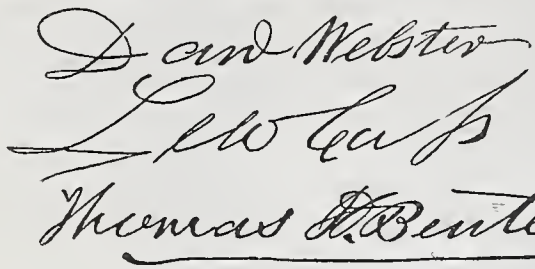

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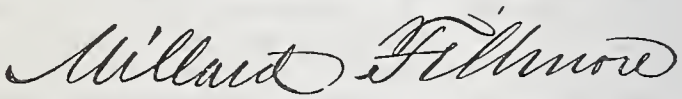

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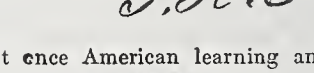

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"SIR, — I have the honor to inform your excellency, that her majesty the queen has accepted, with great pleasure, the copy of the last edition of Webster's English Dictionary, which, according to the directions you gave me, was laid by me before his royal highness Prince Albert, and was presented afterwards by the prince to her majesty, on the part of the publishers, Messrs. Merriam; and I have been commanded to express to your excellency, and to beg of you to transmit to Messrs. Merriam, her majesty's gracious thanks for this beautiful present, which her majesty highly values, not only on account of the great merits of the work itself, but still more so as a sign of those feelings towards her royal person on the part of a large portion of the Anglo-American nation, which your excellency informed me it was intended to represent, and which, after the political disunion which has taken place between the United Kingdom and the United States, could not indeed have found a more appropriate way of expressing themselves than the presentation to her majesty of a work on the English language, which directly refers to that powerful and indissoluble bond by which the two cognate nations on the eastern and western side of the Atlantic will forever remain united. Your excellency, as well as Messrs. Merriam, will, no doubt, feel great pleasure in learning that her majesty has placed the work, presented through your excellency, amongst the few selected volumes which compose her own private library.

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"Your excellency's faithful servant,

"C. MEYER,

"Secretary to H. R. H. PRINCE ALBERT.

"BUCKINGHAM PALACE, *June* 20, 1849.

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Lord Brougham, in a recent conversation with an intelligent American traveller, remarked of this work, — "It has come to be a necessity to every educated man."

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Extract of a letter from Wm. H. Prescott, Esq., author of "Ferdinand and Isabella," "Conquest of Mexico," &c., dated Boston, December 10, 1848.

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Our purpose is simply to recommend the present edition of it, (Webster's Quarto Dictionary,) with its copious additions to the text, as a highly valuable publication. Great labor has been bestowed upon it, and all the alterations and articles that have been added, so far as we have noticed them, are great improvements. We hope that it will obtain a wide and profitable circulation. — *North American Review, January*, 1848.

I regard this book as the most successful effort — the best published American book up to this time. — *James Brown, Esq., firm of Little & Brown, Boston, February*, 1848.

All young persons should have a standard Dictionary at their elbows; and while you are about it, *get the best:* that Dictionary is Noah Webster's, the *great work unabridged.* If you are too poor, save the amount from off your back, to put it into your head. — *Phrenological Journal.*

While this Dictionary is the most complete work of the kind that any nation can boast of, it is also one of the cheapest books ever printed in this country. — *New York State District School Journal.*

There is no Dictionary but this of Webster's that can be adopted as a standard. We cannot refrain from expressing a hope that our brethren of the type — the printers and editors of newspapers especially — will adopt the orthography of Dr. Webster. In this respect, the printers of the present day have no standard. It is time they had. — *Boston Courier, December* 30, 1847.

This is the complete Webster; and *perhaps the only complete Dictionary of the English language.* — *Philadelphia United States Gazette.*

The publishers have received an order from the city authorities of New York, for forty-seven copies of the work, to be placed in forty-seven of the public schools of the city, for the use of teachers and pupils. — *Springfield Republican.*

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Extract from a Lecture addressed to a Teachers' Institute by William Russell.

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At a meeting of the Board of Public Instruction of St. Louis, March 13, 1849,—"*Resolved*, That a copy of Webster's Unabridged Quarto Dictionary be placed upon the desk of each teacher in the Grammar department of the St. Louis Public Schools, as a book of reference for teachers and pupils."

XIV. PENNSYLVANIA.

FROM REV. DR. ELY.

"The most *comprehensive, learned, accurate*, and *valuable work* of the kind which has ever been published in the English language.—*Ezra Stiles Ely.*"

XV. KENTUCKY.

FROM PROFESSOR MATTHEWS.

"The *best effort hitherto made* to establish the orthography and pronunciation of the language on their true principles."

XVI. CANADA.

From *Dr. Ryerson*, Sup. Public Instruction in Canada.

"I regard Webster's Dictionary as by far the *most comprehensive* and *valuable* work of the kind in the English language. I have for several years used it more than any other English Dictionary; and the more I use it the more I am impressed with its excellence and value."

XVII. GREAT BRITAIN.

"This volume must find its way into all our public and good private libraries, for it provides the English student with a mass of the most valuable information, which he would in vain seek for elsewhere."—*London Literary Gazette.*

"WILL LAST FOR AGES."—*Dr. Dick.*

TESTIMONY OF THE BOSTON TEACHERS.

From J. D. PHILBRICK, Esq., *late Principal of the Quincy School, Boston, and now Associate Principal of the Connecticut State Normal School.*

"STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, NEW BRITAIN, CT., April 18, 1853.

Messrs. G. & C. MERRIAM, GENTLEMEN:—I have the pleasure to assure you that the teachers and pupils of the Model Department of this Institution, are truly grateful to you for the fine copy of WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED AMERICAN QUARTO DICTIONARY, which you sent for their use. The pupils have free access to it, and it is in constant requisition. Its beneficial influence on the scholarship of the school is already visible. The scholars are beginning to appreciate the difference between *guessing* at the import of the terms used in their text-books, and *knowing* their meaning with precision and exactness.

A copy of the work, furnished by the State, had been in use in my school-room in Boston, during the two years preceding my removal to this place, *and it was used more than all the books of reference in the library*, which contained a good selection of that class of books. My observation of its utility in a public school has fully convinced me that it is just the thing needed in every District School in the State,

This great work is the product of the State of Connecticut, and she ought to have taken the lead in furnishing it to all her schools, for the use of her children. I know of no means whereby the common schools of the State could be benefited more at the same expense than by placing a copy in every school-room. I hope the day is not distant when the State will confer this blessing on her children.

Very respectfully yours, JOHN D. PHILBRICK."

From ISAAC C. SHEPARD, Esq. *Principal of the Lyman School.*

"BOSTON, April 27, 1853.

Messrs. G. & C. MERRIAM. GENTLEMEN:—I take pleasure in adding my testimony to the great value of WEBSTER'S UNABRIDGED AMERICAN DICTIONARY. In my labors as a Teacher in the Boston schools for ten years, *I have not been without the work, for reference at all times by both Assistants and pupils.* I consider it an invaluable companion; and in the etymology and definitions of the language, strict, faithful, copious and understandable; in short, just what is needed by every man, woman and child in the Union, who would *know* the language we use. Massachusetts is deserving of the deepest gratitude of her children for the gift of the book to all her public schools; and I trust that not only Connecticut, who is especially bound to the duty, but every State in the Confederacy, will speedily follow her example. Yours very truly, ISAAC F. SHEPARD."

From R. G. PARKER, Esq., *Principal of the Johnson School, and author of Exercises in Composition, a Treatise on Natural Philosophy, and various other Text Books.*

"BOSTON, April 26, 1853.

I beg leave to assure you that *Webster's Unabridged Dictionary* is seldom out of my sight, *and is the only one to which I ever refer for the meaning and etymology of a word.* Notwithstanding I have some objections to the orthography* of Mr. Webster, I prefer his Unabridged Dictionary *to any and all others*, and could I have but one, *his* would be the one I should select. The clearness of his definitions, the elaborateness with which he has traced the etymology of his words, and the transparency, so to speak, which he has thereby given to their proper signification, are features in his work, which have made it *the* Dictionary of the English Language, and him a benefactor to all of Anglo-Saxon origin. It is destined, in my opinion, to supplant all its predecessors, and to become the great fountain to which all will resort for draughts of pure English.

Respectfully yours, RICH. G. PARKER."

From THOMAS SHERWIN, Esq., *Prin. of the Eng. High School, Boston, and author of a popular treatise on Algebra.*

"BOSTON, April 26, 1853.

Messrs. G. & C. MERRIAM,—GENTLEMEN: I regard WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY as a highly valuable work, and an essential one to every critical scholar; and I think that a copy of it should be accessible to the pupils of all our District, Grammar, and High Schools. Respectfully yours, THOMAS SHERWIN."

From WM. H. SEAVEY, Esq., *Principal of the Eliot High School, Boston.*

"BOSTON, May 10, 1853.

MESSRS. G. & C. MERRIAM:—I am happy to express my full concurrence in Mr. PHILBRICK'S favorable opinion of *Webster's Unobridged Quarto Dictionary.* I subscribe to this opinion after more than four years' *experience and observation* of the effects of its use, in and out of the school-room.

Yours, WILLIAM H. SEAVEY."

From GEORGE B. HYDE, Esq., *Associate Principal of the Dwight School, Boston.*

"BOSTON, May 14, 1853.

Messrs. G. & C. MERRIAM:— * * It gives me the highest pleasure to do any thing to extend the use of this invaluable work. Every human being that can speak or write the English Language, should have a copy. Next to the Bible, I consider it *the book.* Yours truly, GEO. B. HYDE."

From JAMES A. PAGE, Esq., *Associate Principal of the Dwight School.*

"BOSTON, May 27, 1853.

Messrs. G. & C. MERRIAM:— * * * * I have recently observed more particularly the constant requisition, and consequent high estimation, in which WEBSTER'S QUARTO DICTIONARY is held by the boys of this school. In scores of instances during that time I have known it to be consulted, as a last resort, and always with evident satisfaction. The pupils consider this authority of such importance in all contested points of orthography, definitions, &c., as to call for Webster at once.

Its usefulness in the study of Grammar, by furnishing a clew to the meaning of a word, and thereby to the sentence; its general copiousness of definition, and of illustrative quotations, place it, in our estimation, above every other work of its kind. Respectfully yours, JAMES A. PAGE."

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* In a subsequent note, Mr. Parker says, 'That Webster's Orthography will be the standard, I have no doubt

From Rev. JOHN COVERT, *President Ohio Female College.*

In our Institution we have adopted *Webster's Crown Quarto Dictionary*, (Unabridged,) revised edition, as our STANDARD authority in spelling, pronunciation, and defining. We regard Webster as the only reliable authority, and one to which all our educational establishments should adhere. [Signed,] JOHN COVERT.

February 28, 1852.

CINCINNATI, 21st February, 1852.

The *American Dictionary of the English Language*, by NOAH WEBSTER, LL. D., the most honorable monument of American literature and talent, and of which every American may be justly proud, after a struggle of nearly twenty years, may be considered, in its revised form, fully established as authority in spelling, pronunciation, and definition. As such, it has been adopted by States in their common schools, by colleges, by academies, and most educated men who are in favor of a judicious progressive reform in language, securing simplicity in the spelling of words, and accuracy in their use. In view of these facts, therefore, it is of great importance that Webster's Dictionary should be made the STANDARD in our schools, and in all text books used in them.

WM. GREENE, E. S. BROOKS,
D. SHEPERDSON, M. SIMPSON,
HENRY SNOW, H. H. BARNEY,
JOSEPH RAY,
} *Examiners of Cincinnati Public Schools.*

P. B. WILBER, *Pres't Wesleyan Female College, Cincinnati.*
LYMAN HARDING, *Principal of Female Academy, Cincinnati.*

From the Annual Report of Hon. BELLAMY STORER, *President School Board, Cincinnati, for the year ending June* 30, 1851.

"A copy of Webster's (Unabridged) Dictionary has been placed in each District School, for the use of the Teachers, and is now our STANDARD in Orthography, Pronunciation and Definitions. This great work has become universally popular, and is sanctioned by the best educators and scholars in our country."

From the *National Magazine for April*, 1853, (*published at the Methodist Book Concern*, 200 Mulberry St., New York.)

"*Webster's Dictionary*, the entire work unabridged, in 1 vol., crown quarto, of one thousand four hundred and fifty-two pages, containing the last improvements of Dr. Webster, and the additions of Professor Goodrich. Our readers are aware of our partiality for this work, for they must have perceived that we use its Orthography without scruple. We are pledged to that, both because we approve it, and, we confess, because of a little national prejudice for the work. Webster's *definitions* are unrivaled; the merit of the work in this respect is enough to settle its claims; he was the best etymologist that ever attempted to define our language. Such provincial words as are necessary to Dictionary readers, have been admitted into the present edition with proper discriminations. Some of Webster's more violent orthographical peculiarities have been omitted.

The *Pronunciation* is marked by a simple and excellent system of notation, and in difficult cases, words are re-spelled. The lists of Scriptural, Classical, and Geographical names are very full—the latter more so than we have seen in any Dictionary; it comprises twelve or thirteen thousand names. Every American student, and, as far as possible, every American family, should possess this great standard of our language."

From the Pittsburg Christian Advocate, April 9, 1853.

"This is now the acknowledged standard of the English language, wherever spoken. England has laid aside her great Johnson for the American Webster. The English press generally, has admitted the 'American Dictionary' to be the best extant. Dr. Thomas Dick, than whom no living or modern transatlantic writer, is better known, or more generally read, in this country, says, 'This Dictionary is undoubtedly the most complete Dictionary of the English language that has been published, and *ages will elapse* before any other Dictionary of that language will be required.' He declares it *in every respect far superior* to Johnson's large Dictionary. It is indorsed and strongly recommended by the most eminent names which adorn American literature. It ought to obtain a universal circulation. Every school-house, academy and college, every professional office, every reading room, every library in the land, should contain a copy of Webster's large Dictionary. All who aspire to speak or write the English languaage with accuracy and force, will find this work an indispensable auxiliary. To the young who are aiming at self-culture and self-im-

provement, it will be of the greatest value. A constant and careful reference to it will tend to form intellectual habits of much importance, as to accuracy, discrimination, and condensation of thought; for the work is remarkable for these properties, as well as for purity of language. Nor is it merely a book of words, as young people sometimes imagine a Dictionary to be. It is, in fact, an encyclopedia of knowledge, 'All young persons," says the Phrenological Journal, "should have a standard Dictionary at their elbow; and while you are about it, *get the best;* that Dictionary is Noah Webster's—*the great work unabridged.* If you are too poor, save the amount from off your back, to put it into your head.' This is true doctrine. If you do not mean to spell wrong, read wrong, speak wrong, write wrong—go halting and blundering intellectually, as long as you live—buy WEBSTER'S LARGE DICTIONARY; and when you have it, *use it.*"

From the Presbyterian of the West, March 21, 1853.

"NOAH WEBSTER, the best orthoepist and linguist of his age in this country, and perhaps without a superior in these departments in Europe, spent the greater part of a long and industrious life, in arranging and perfecting this master-work. Since the author's death, in 1843, it has been carefully examined, revised and stereotyped; and as now presented to the American people, is confessedly without an equal as a definer, in amplitude and correctness. In its way as a BOOK, it stands *out* bold and prominent to the American mind, and to the learned world, without a comparable rival—aptly symbolizing in many respects the greatness and superiority of the country from which it emanates; for as this country in coming time promises to exert a controlling influence in shaping and molding the political destinies of the world—so this book will, we think, over the same minds exert its power in reducing to a harmonious unity of language and speech the 'confusion of tongues' which now exists."

From the New York (Catholic) *Freeman's Journal.*

* * * "But, of Dictionaries, what one? We have been educated in the contempt and horror of Noah Webster's on the ground that it is an innovation; that it makes havoc of the fine old language of Shakspeare and Milton, of Bacon and Hooker, and all the rest of those old worthies. * * * But we have noticed more and more, during the last twelve or fifteen years, that not only in this country, but wherever the English language is spoken, most of the changes that were advocated by Webster, have been gaining in authority and becoming THE STANDARD METHOD OF SPELLING. This has given us occasion to reconsider the notions of our early training. * * * Our good opinion of the work has so grown on acquaintance that it is only inadvertence, at moments when we have had opportunity, that has prevented us from purchasing a copy of it. * * * We have spent some few hours in examining it, and have found some of our remaining objections to it as a standard, very satisfactorily answered."

From the Ladies' Repository, (Meth. Book Room,) Cincinnati, May, 1252.

"We have found the work an indispensable auxiliary in our editorial labors, and except the Bible, it is the last book we should feel willing to part with."

From the Watchman and Observer, Richmond, Va., March 3, 1853.

"It is now, we believe, generally admitted among English scholars, that there is no Dictionary of the language superior to Webster's—none more full—none more exact in its definitions, and none more reliable as a STANDARD."

From the Crawford County Journal, Nov. 24, 1852.

"This work has been adopted as the STANDARD, not only in this country, but in England, and for accuracy of Definition, and faithfulness in tracing out the various shades of meaning of words, it has no equal, and is probably the only full and complete Dictionary of our language extant."

'Get the Best.'

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DICTIONARY,

at their elbows. And while you are about it, *get the best;* that Dictionary is

NOAH WEBSTER'S,

The *great work unabridged.* If you are too poor, save the amount from off your back, to put it into your head.'—*Phrenolog. Journal.*

Webster's Quarto Dictionary Unabridged.

"We believe we shall be certain of doing a service to the people of the State, if we say a word or two upon the Unabridged Quarto Dictionary of the English Language, by Noah Webster. The word UNABRIDGED *has been purposely employed, because if such a work is wanted for any but the very lowest uses—those of mere orthography, or orthoepy—it can not be too copious and comprehensive.* When one is ignorant of the proper and precise powers of a word, he can not endure to be turned over to an abridgment that gives him a SYNONYM, instead of a definition; but he demands to know *as much as anybody knows* of its history or etymology, and its different shades of meaning. Then only can he employ it with confidence and effect, as a mighty weapon for the expression of intellect or passion."—*Newark Daily Advertiser, March* 25, 1851.

"A Dictionary is the last book which a scholar ever wants to have *abridged*, the process being sure to cut off THE VERY MATTER WHICH HE MOST VALUES."—*Chronotype.*

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SCIENCE.—"We must pay this compliment to Webster's QUARTO DICTIONARY,—it contains scientific terms not to be found in any other work, and we have often been surprised to find that it contained full and clear definitions of many technical phrases, which we thought had never been outside of the workshop. It is a real *Encyclopedia of Science*, for it not only gives the definitions of scientific terms, but describes the nature of many chemical actions, and the operation of many machines. In its *unabridged* present form, it is complete, and no man pretending to scientific knowledge can be without it. In Chemistry, Architecture, Geology, Engineering, Mechanics, &c., &c., it is full and accurate, and is not only essential to the student in science, but to the most erudite philosopher. We are proud of this work as an American production; it is certainly gratifying to know and feel that England looks to America as having now produced the standard work of the English language."—*Scientific American, Oct.* 4, 1851.

"WEBSTER'S QUARTO DICTIONARY.—Everybody knows about Webster's Dictionary, and every man, woman, and child, ought to have access to it.

It will tell you everything in regard to your mother tongue, which you want to know. It shows you the words in all their aspects—giving you a sort of history of each individual, that is in any way worthy of attention—developing their powers and delineating their features and general appearance so precisely, that the unlearned will remember them, after the first sight, and know who they are and what they are, whenever he meets them. A MAN WHO WOULD KNOW EVERYTHING, OR ANYTHING, AS HE OUGHT TO KNOW, MUST OWN WEBSTER'S LARGE DICTIONARY. It is a great light, and he that will not avail himself of it, must walk in darkness. Every young housekeeper should lay it in, to occupy the place which was formerly filled with decanters and wine glasses.

Every *farmer* should give his sons two or three square rods of ground, well prepared, with the avails of which they may buy it. Every *mechanic* should put a receiving box in some conspicuous place in the house, to catch the stray pennies, for the like purpose.

Lay it upon your table by the side of the Bible—it is a better expounder than many which claim to be expounders.

It is a great labor-saver—it has saved us time enough in one year's use to pay for itself: and that must be deemed good property, which will clear itself once a year. If you have any doubt about the precise meaning of the word *clear*, in the last sentence, look at Webster's thirteen definitions of the v. t."—*Massachusetts Life Boat, April* 28, 1852.

From an American Missionary in South Africa.

"*Umsunduzi, Port Natal, March* 11, 1852.

To MESSRS. G. & C. MERRIAM:

Dear Sirs,—The four copies of Webster's Quarto Dictionary which you had the great liberality to forward to the South African Mission, by the Secretaries of the American Board, were duly received some months since, and by appointment of the Mission, I have the honor and pleasure to acknowledge them. and to say to you that we are under many obligations for so many copies of *a most invaluable work.*

So great is the estimate in which this work is held in this distant English colony, that many of my fellows in labor, Americans and others, and some of the principal officers of the British government, have already procured it, while others, in both public and private life, have sent for it or are about to do so.

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, a reputed scholar, calling upon us more than a year since, saw the work, admired, and at once ordered a copy for his own use. About a month since one of the civil magistrates inquired of me where and how he could obtain a copy for himself. And only last week the Honorable the Secretary to Government, a man of much maturity in both years and knowledge, passing a day or two with us, referred several times to Webster's Quarto Dictionary as the highest standard and indisputably the best work of the kind in the English language. Its general merits and marked excellencies are too well known and acknowledged to require of me any enumeration, had I the time to make it.

I will only add a word of my own experience. In 1841, while a student at Yale, having at command only eighteen dollars, and not knowing when or where I could obtain more, I paid five-sixths of what I had for Webster's Dictionary, in two volumes octavo; and dear as it was and with some defects, I can say, after ten years' study and labor, that, save my Bible, I never bought a book to me cheaper, better, or more useful.

But now the same work carefully revised and enlarged, and containing, in addition, the valuable Pronouncing Vocabularies of Scripture, Classical and Geographical names, may be had for half, or less than half the former price.

May every American youth and son of Britain, and every man of letters of every nation, soon have access to it, and become, for the most part, possessors of it. Such is my wish and expectation. Every missionary, every statesman, every man of science and literature, of extensive commerce and true religion, of whatever nation, who knows its value, consults his own interest, and studies to be useful, will endeavor to obtain it, and will find it an invaluable companion in all his pursuits. It has already found its way into the darkest parts of the world, and is exerting a silent, but steady, elevating and powerful influence, directly or indirectly, upon the mind, character and language of every nation under the sun.

In behalf of the American Zulu Mission in Southern Africa, I have the honor to be,

Respected sirs, most truly yours,

LEWIS GROUT."

The article (from which an extract is given below) is from the pen of one of our most accurate scholars, acute observers, and devoted friends to schools. [Professor E. D. Sanborn, of Dartmouth College.] *Granite Farmer*, (Manchester, N. H.) Nov. 19, 1851.

"About a year ago, Mr. Merriam, one of the publishers of Webster's Quarto Dictionary, gave to the writer an order for a copy of that work, to be used in some school under my eye, by way of experiment. I took the dictionary and placed it in a tuition school, in the village, composed of pupils varying in age, from four to eighteen years. I visited the school and informed the pupils that the book should be at their service if they would make good use of it. I also expressed a wish that all the scholars who could write, should keep small common-place books, and write down in them every word, which occurred in their lessons, of whose meaning they were in doubt, and hold themselves in readiness to report to their teacher, at any time, the number of words they had thus had occasion to look out in the dictionary. This plan was adopted, and most of the pupils found a use for the new book. The older scholars consulted it quite often, so that there were, sometimes, a number of petitioners at the same time. The dictionary has now been used three terms, and the interest in it is unabated. The pupils have become more interested in finding every word they do not understand. They read with a more intelligent appreciation of their author, and understand better the subjects studied in their text-books. I am satisfied, from this trial, that Webster's Dictionary might be very profitably introduced into all our district schools.

IF THE TEACHER IS INTERESTED IN THE USE OF THE DICTIONARY, THE SCHOLARS WILL BE.

It is very easy to call forth the ambition of a whole school by encouraging the use of common-place books for recording both the *words* which are not understood, and their *definitions*. Let it be understood, that these little books are to be exhibited at the examination of the school, and that pupils will be questioned as to the meaning of words which they have recorded in their own books, and there will be no want of interest in using the book. Let it be understood to be highly commendable in every pupil not to pass one word in his lesson which he could not define; and when one member of a class fails to explain a word he has used, let that word be put to all the class, or in case of failure there, to the whole school, and the interest in the book will become so great that instead of one copy, a dozen will be wanted for the use of the school. No one who has examined Webster's Quarto Dictionary can doubt the utility of frequent reference to it. It is almost an Encyclopedia, as well as a book of definitions."

From the Central New Yorker, April 8, 1852.

"There have been two Noahs in this world, who have, we trust entered a blessed world to come—the Noah of Diluvian days, who conducted the Representatives of the Living creation over the world of Waters—and the Noah of Modern days, who has navigated the Ark of the English language over the deluge of a world of words.

All other Dictionaries are swamped in the deluge, like the inhabitants of the old world, and no high mountain of distinction, ambition, or pretension has had sufficient altitude to overtop the flood of oblivion that washes them under, and overwhelms them in the silence of death and forgetfulnesss.

But 'Noah entered the ark with all his house,' and outlived the flood. So Noah Webster and all his faithful followers preserved the Progeny of the English Language, and are rapidly extending it over the *Pagan*, as well as Christian world.

Again, Language has been a gnarled and tangled web, that none could unravel and straighten well, until a *Webster* arose to accomplish the task. Others only made the tangled web the worse, or broke and tore it into shreds and patches, but our *Webster* has analyzed and synthetized it, has unraveled and woven the web into warp and woof, into a beautiful pattern. Noah Webster's Dictionaries are the standard spellers and definers of the English language the world over—soon to be the Court Language of the world."

The *National Intelligencer* of April 19, 1852, says of Webster: "It is *the* Dictionary of all Dictionaries of the English language, *full* and *precise*, and is the book of all others essential to all professional men, all men of science, all printers, and, indeed, every man who understands the force of words, and the importance of an accurate and perfect knowledge of the vehicle of his own ideas and of the thoughts of others."

WEBSTER'S SCHOOL DICTIONARIES IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

☞ The Board of Education of New Hampshire, at a recent session, [April, 1853,] voted to recommend *Webster's School Dictionaries* for the use of the common schools of New Hampshire.

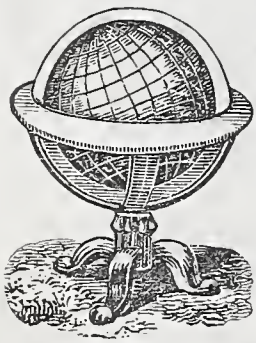
From the Annual Message of His Ex'y Gov. WOOD, *to the Legislature of Ohio, Jan.*, 1851.

"In Massachusetts, every school is furnished by the State with WEBSTER'S DICTIONARY. The same is recommended by a committee of the New York Legislature for the Empire State.

"It is admitted to be the most valuable work of the kind extant, by the learned men both here and in Europe; and its general use in our schools would break down all provincialisms, so to speak, and produce uniformity and elegance in the use of our language. Words would then be used by every one, in the same sense in which they are defined by that able lexicographer."

From Professor STOWE, *late of Cincinnati.*

"My judgment and feelings are most heartily and permanently engaged in doing all that I can to make Webster the STANDARD wherever the English is spoken, as it deserves to be, must be, is, and will be."



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